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BIRTHS.

At Tientsin, on the 19th September, the wife of W. FISHER, of a daughter. On the 26th September, at 11, Mohawk Road, Shanghai, the wife of Mr. FREDERICK W. BARTY, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, of a son. (Home papers please copy.) At Ningpo, on the 23rd September, the wife of the Rev. J. W. HERWOOD, (Wenchow), of a son.

DEATHS.

At Shanghai, on the 24th September, MAY, the new-born infant daughter of Charles and Dorothy Dowdall. At the Shanghai General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 26th of September, CHARLES MCILKIN, late Chief Engineer C.M.S.N. Co's steamer *Kiangshun*, aged 51 years.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

ANOTHER FREAK.

LONDON, October 1st. Japan has declared lead a contraband of war.

ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING IN PEKING. Some British subjects have been assaulted in Peking.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Prince Kung has been appointed President of the Tsung-li Yamen, and co-director of war operations with Li Hung-chang.

THE "PATHAN" RELEASED.

The British steamer *Pathan* has been released, on the Captain engaging to proceed direct to Shanghai.

WAR CLOUDS.

The French Press is discussing the contingency of a war between Great Britain and France over African difficulties.

(From Hongkong Papers.)

M. DE LANESSAN.

PARIS, September 18th. Monsieur de Lanessan will leave for Saigon on September 30th.

THE BATTLE OF PING-YANG.

In the battle at Ping-yang between the Chinese and Japanese the total loss of the former is now stated to have been 17,000 men, of which number 14,000 were made prisoners, including five generals and nearly the whole of the Chinese military staff.

[The Havas Telegraphic Agency in Paris possesses a correspondence in the Far East who has either a most vivid imagination or is a victim to the inspired official utterances of the Japanese Government's News Bureau.—Ed. Hongkong Telegraph.]

THE FRENCH ARMY.

September 20th. The extensive manoeuvres which the French Army has lately been engaged in at Brouage have terminated.

M. Casimir Perier, President of the Republic, took part in the final review of the troops, and in the course of an address, thanking the Generals and the Army for the progress accomplished, expressed the hope that the Nation and Army would always be united.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

September 22nd. Admiral Humann has been appointed chief of the staff of the French Admiralty.

AN EDITOR IN TROUBLE.

M. Goulle, editor of the *Petite République*, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of one thousand francs for libelling the President of the Republic.

FRENCH POLITICS.

September 24th. Monsieur Rachimont, a Radical, has been elected for Nogent in place of M. Casimir Perier.

Public opinion is in favour of the proposed expedition to Madagascar.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

The Japanese threaten to bombard Newchwang. A steamer (the British gunboat *Pigmy*), is probably meant.—Ed. Telegraph has been sent there for the protection of foreign residents.

KHARTOUM.

The truth of the report that Great Britain and Khartoum, although unofficially denied, is still persisted in.

THE PENANG LIBEL CASE.

IMPRISONMENT OF MR. BERGER. (By special telegraph to the Singapore Free Press.)

PENANG, 11.21 a.m., Sept. 22nd. Mr. Berger, proprietor of the *Straits Independent*, has been sent to gaol for one year in default of payment of the fine [damages \$100] and costs in the recent libel action, brought against him by Lim Long Cheak.

[Judgment was delivered on the 10th inst., and under section 3, sub-section 7, of the *Dutchers Ordinance No. XXII of 1870*, Mr. Berger was liable on a judgment recovered in an action for... defamation] to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year, or until payment of the sum due.]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

CAIRO, September 14th. The court-martial on Chawachi Pasha, two other Pashas and six slave dealers is concluded. The Court acquitted the two Pashas of dealing in slaves, notwithstanding the conclusive evidence brought forward in support of the charge. The other prisoners were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from six to eighteen months. Brigadier-General Kitchen, the Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, refused to confirm the acquittals.

LONDON, September 14th. It is stated that a Syndicate has bought Port Delagoa Bay from the Portuguese Government on behalf of the Transvaal. The Bay is available for vessels of large tonnage and the Olfant or Krokodil river flowing into it is navigable for steam launches for a considerable distance. The Transvaal border begins fifty-two miles inland, consequently Delagoa Bay will give the independent Dutch State a commanding position in South Africa, baffling the plans of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the Premier of the Cape and the Chairman of the British South Africa Company.

The Russian Squadron which has been ordered to Korean waters, under command of Admiral Tiroff, is comprised of twelve vessels of all descriptions.

ANOTHER TYPHOON!

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Enrique Ortiz, Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegraphic information, received from the Government of Manila:—

MANILA, October 2nd, 7.35 a.m.

There appears to be another depression to the E.S.E. of Manila.

At 1.45 p.m. the typhoon appeared to have struck the island of Luzon about the 15th degree of latitude, and is travelling from south-east to north-west, but we are not sure of its course.

In his meteorological forecast to-day, the Acting Director of the Observatory states:—"On the 2nd inst. at 10.30 a.m.; there were some indications of another depression to the east of Luzon. At 11.10 a.m. the barometer was falling in Hongkong."

The Observatory reports:—"At 4.45 p.m. to-day the typhoon appeared to have struck the island of Luzon about the 15th degree of latitude, and is travelling from south-east to north-west, but we are not sure of its course."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Koba criketers arrived at Shanghai on the 28th ult., by the *Malbourne*, all well.

MESSRS. A. MILLAR & Co., plumbers, filed their petition in Bankruptcy at the Supreme Court yesterday.

CAPTAIN A. NIELSEN, late of the revenue cruiser *Pathan*, has been appointed Port Captain at Wel-hai-wai.

LIUENHANT O'BRIEN, of the U. S. Army, has been appointed military attaché to the U. S. Legation at Tokyo.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's steamship *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 8.30 a.m. to-day, and left again at 3 p.m. for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The French mail steamer *Malbourne* grounded on the inner Bar at Shanghai soon after noon on the 28th ult., but it was expected that the night tide being higher than the forenoon flood, she would be floated off at about high water on the 29th.

Thus the *Japan Gazette* of September 17th:—"The Japanese press welcome Dr. Lowison to this country and, in return for valuable assistance, he gave the *Japan Gazette* a copy of his book, 'The History of the Japanese Empire,' which is a most valuable work, and the *Japan Gazette* will give tangible proofs of its appreciation. Dr. Kwasato called on the Hongkong director at the Yokohama Grand Hotel on the 15th."

The *China Gazette* learns from what it vaguely describes as "a good authority" that Lord Li, late Chinese Minister to Japan, has been refused to the rank of a private gentleman, and that the Viceroy's successors as Governor-General of Chihli and Sup. Intendant of Northern trade have already been nominated. Of course this report must be taken cum grano for the present, coming as it does from a very pro-Japanese source.

A MEETING of British residents of the Tientsin Concessions was held there on the 20th. Mr. H. B. Bristow, M.A. Consul in the chair. It was decided to organise a British Defence Corps, divided into two companies, under the command of Surgeon-General H. Bristow. The first company, consisting of 100 men, was to be raised from the Tientsin Concessions, and the second company, consisting of 100 men, was to be raised from the British Concessions. The meeting was held in the evening, and was attended by a large number of British residents.

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MR. TSAI HO-POO, the former Tactal of Chiklans, arrived at Shanghai on the 27th ult. en route to Tientsin.

THE death is reported at Penang on the 19th ult., of Mrs. Anna Wright, who had attained the ripe old age of 101 years.

On the 27th ult., the Chinese gunboat *Whitcomb* arrived at Shanghai with the Governor (Shao) of Formosa and family on board.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* states that four Europeans left Shanghai on the 27th ult. for H. Kow, to act as police officers in that port.

THE French gunboat *Comite* left Shanghai on the 24th ult., for Chefoo, and the Russian gunboat *Korymba* left the Model Settlement on the 24th for Chemulpo.

THE P. & O. S.N. Co's steamship *Rosalia*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here on Sunday, at 6 a.m.

It is affirmed by the survivors of the Chinese warship *Chihyuen* that the Japanese torpedo rammed and sank by that vessel in the recent naval engagement was the *Yoshino*.

MR. LEE, chief engineer of the steamship *Amherst*, who was severely scalded by the bursting of the vessel's donkey boiler, died in the hospital at Malacca on the 23rd ult.

A FRESH instance illustrating the contagious character of leprosy has, it is said, been furnished by Miss Mary Reed, of Cincinnati, who has contracted the disease after working as a nurse among the lepers in India for several years.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary asserts that on the 26th ult., the Chinese officials at Shanghai received news that the Japanese had attacked the Chinese at Anchow (Anjo) and Yichow (Wijiu) simultaneously, and were repulsed at both places.

THE Harbour Master at Shanghai held an examination on the 27th ult., for pilots for the lower Yangtze. Out of five candidates who presented themselves for examination three only, namely, Messrs. Campbell, Lundholm and Howard, were successful.

WE regret to hear of the death, at the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 28th September, of Mr. Charles McLean, late chief engineer, C. M. S. N. Co's steamship *Kiangshun*, aged 51 years, who was greatly and devotedly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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Board with regard to overcrowding was not carried out.

A—I do not know. Mr. J. J. Kewick—There is no doubt, I suppose, that the Sanitary Board's own inspectors report from time to time and probably frequently.

A—I don't know how the Sanitary Board works under Government at present. I know in the old days I was President for one year and reports went up to the Government in those days on what could be done, what could not be done, and the reasons why they could not be done were all given. I know continuous reports went up in my time, but I was President only for one year and then they made the Director of Public Works President.

Q—I suppose in the present time in the archives of the Sanitary Board there must be a great many reports from inspectors? A—Yes, a great many.

Q—And you would suppose that there were some of recent date?

A—Many reports of recent date, they have to make continual reports weekly reports.

Q—Don't you think it would be the duty of the Secretary or some one in the Sanitary Board to submit those reports to the Government?

A—I certainly think so, and I know under Mr. McCallum these things did go to the Government. Lots of them were referred to the Government in letters; but since then things have been very much neglected, and the people in charge did not know anything about the working of the Board or anything else, and even the President has been all sides and seven, first one and then another. I don't know how it has been going on.

Mr. J. J. Kewick—Are the Sanitary Board's inspectors numerous enough, do you think?

A—Not by a long way.

Q—That is the fault of the Board, I presume?

A—I don't know that the Board has appealed; but it is like everything else, dollars are not forthcoming.

Q—If they had reports it would matter?

A—I can certify as to the reports. It was first suggested that there should be a Superintendent of the Board and a Secretary, the duty of the Superintendent being to go round the town and inspect, and the secretary was simply to do the in-door work. The Superintendent and Secretary are now one person running the office, and the inspectors do the outside work. Their right to be a medical health officer who should be Superintendent, and there ought to be another qualified man for Secretary, and the staff ought to be more than doubled, to do anything like the work that is required.

Q—Has the Sanitary Board done any practical work during the last half dozen years—since it was formed?

A—I should say very little.

MR. CROOK'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Jackson—They have not used the machinery of the law to prevent it?

A—There are a number of cockroaches that do not comply with the Ordinance and there are a great number that do.

The Chairman—Why not remove those that do not?

A—They ought to be removed.

Q—That is not the fault of the law?

A—No.

Mr. Jackson—The next question is, why has not the law been carried out? Is there any particular reason why it has not been carried out?

A—Only I suppose that it would entail a regular examination and inspection right through. That is no reason why it should not be carried out and there is no reason, as far as I know, except the want of officers to do it.

Q—Whose duty is it to see that the law is carried out?

A—I should think the Sanitary Board.

Mr. J. J. Kewick—Do you consider that the Sanitary Board fulfils any really useful function in Hongkong?

A—You mean does it carry out—

Mr. Jackson—I think that is scarcely a fair question.

Mr. J. J. Kewick—I wanted to know whether, as far as you have observed, the Sanitary Board are in a position really to do good.

Mr. Jackson—I think it is a good machine for the work it has to do.

A—I think the function of the Sanitary Board is to deal with private owners of property and for that I think they are very well suited and can do their work better than any one else probably. They come into contact with the owners of property more than others do, and I think they are able to carry out the work better.

THE WAR IN THE NORTH.

CHINESE OFFICIAL REPORTS.

SHANGHAI, September 29th. We have received the following telegrams from our Chefoo correspondent, who obtained them from a native official source: On September 16th, a naval engagement took place between the Chinese and Japanese fleet near Ta-tung-kow, which lasted from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. The cruiser *Chiyun* had taken to flight previously and ran to Port Arthur. The *Chiyun* and *Yangwei* were sunk, the *Chang-yang* and *Yangwei* burnt. Admiral Ting is slightly wounded.

(34.) KUNG.

On September 16th, a battle took place between the Chinese and Japanese fleets near Ta-tung-kow. The fight lasted five hours. The *Chiyun* was sunk, the *King-yun* burnt, and the *Chang-yang* and *Yangwei* (the two looking perfectly alike) one was burnt and the other run on shore; the *Ting-yun*, *Chiyun*, *Chiyun*, *Lai-yun*, *Ping-yun*, *Kuang-ping*, *Chung-shan*, *Chung-shan*, also two torpedo boats, had been sunk. The other two torpedo boats were missing.

Only ten vessels took part in the engagement, because the *Ping-yun*, *Kuang-ping*, *Chung-shan*, *Chung-shan*, and the four torpedo boats, were still in the river, and when they came out, all was over. As far as we could see and have seen three Japanese ships were sunk. The Japanese had a great number of quick-firing guns and used them very rapidly. We soon discovered ourselves surrounded by the enemy's vessels and thus were attacked on all sides. The extent of damage done to our ships is not yet ascertained.

(35.) TING.

A junk retained from Port Arthur states that not three but five Japanese vessels were destroyed in the last battle. After the Chinese fleet had left, two more Japanese vessels made for the beach to prevent sinking but this is very doubtful.

It will be seen by the above that Kung Tsotai did not report the loss of any Japanese war-vessel.

In Admiral Ting's telegram we hear for the first time of four war-vessels and four torpedo boats being up river and not coming out until the fight was over.

A telegram was received here from Chefoo last evening (27th) from Port Arthur, stating that Captain Tang, of the *Chiyun*, who had run away with his ship from the naval engagement outside of the Yalu, had been executed for his cowardice. It further states that the *Kuang-shan* stranded on a reef near Tallanwan while escaping from the battle, and was afterwards blown up by the Japanese. This makes the total loss of the Chinese five vessels, including one rammed by the *Chiyun* accidentally during the fight—*Merrym*.

Shanghai, September 29th.

It is reported that the Viceroy Li's request to be allowed to take the field in person has been granted, and that His Excellency will make his headquarters at Lintai, near Kai-ping, which is also the headquarters of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Chihli.

It is also reported that the Chinese troops have evacuated Korea, and are now massed at Chailien-ching, 30 miles west of the Yalu river.

We have received the following telegram from our special correspondent in the North:—

Captain Fong of the *Tsuyun* has been executed for cowardice. The *Kuang-shan* stranded on a reef near Tallanwan while escaping from the battle, and was afterwards blown up by the Japanese, making the total Chinese loss five ships, including the *Yangwei*, which was rammed by the *Tsuyun* while the latter was running away.—N. C. Daily News.

Thus the Chefoo Express of the 26th ultimo:—

The French flag-ship *Bayard* accompanied 60 Japanese men-of-war and transports from Fusan to Chemulpo on the 13th inst. 40 of these vessels entered Chemulpo, while the remainder steamed north. Among those discharging at Chemulpo were the *Yayluma*, *Yamato*, *Chakot*, *Kongo*, *Tenryu*, *Takao*, *Kaimon* and *Katsuragi* and the following *Marus*:—*Shorio*, *Tsuyoi*, *Mitsuki*, *Satsuma*, *Nagato*, *Sakata*, *Hiroshima*, *Setsuho*, *Sadokuni*, *Taigo*, *Totomi*, *Fushiki*, *Sakura*, *Techino*, *Hinoki*, *Koroya*, *Wakanoura*, *Shinshin*, *Sorachi*, *Tsukushi*, *Satsue*, *Jinsen*, *Shirai*, *Fusan*, *Iwari*, *Mikasa*, *Kumamoto*, *Okubo*, *Idzumi*, and *Yokohama*, as well as three steam launches. The above transports landed about 10,000 troops, 4,000 coils, 3,500 horses, a large quantity of ammunition and stores, besides 30 field guns and iron boats in sections. In addition to the above large number of vessels the *Nitaka*, *Tamagawa* and *Kokushin Maru* arrived on the 15th, the *Yugawa* and *Asanuma* on the 16th, the *Higo*, *Megamiyama* and *Takase Maru* on the 17th inst.

It is astonishing with what quickness and eagerness the Japanese carry out their work; on the 19th inst. all men-of-war and transports had again left Chemulpo and of all the troops they had landed only about 200 soldiers and 500 coolies were still in town. On the 17th four transports with soldiers and stores were despatched to Ping-yang. Large horse stables and sheds for wounded soldiers are now being erected outside the Korean town, on the hill where the Japanese cemetery is situated.

A WORD FOR CHINA.

Under the above heading "Cathay" wrote to our Shanghai morning contemporary on the 24th ultimo as follows:—

Recent events have cast a glamour over the prowess of the Japanese and inclined public opinion to give the latter their sympathy, though it is hard to perceive what benefit the world at large would gain were the Japanese to get the upper hand of the Chinese. Since the war commenced a success by land and sea is claimed for the Japanese arms—the fall of Ping-yang having decided the fate of Korea *pro tem*—but the supremacy of the sea has not yet been gained, in spite of opinions to the contrary.

The Japanese anticipate that, because of their easy victory over the Chinese in Korea, they will be able to march to Peking without much opposition. If the reconquest of Turkestan by the Chinese is any criterion, such will not be the case, and they have a much harder task before them than they look forward to.

The Chinese army of 1876-7, which reconquered Eastern Turkestan, acknowledged to have been a most brilliant achievement, was officered and led by Chinamen. They conquered Kashgar with an army armed with European weapons, and showed considerable valour in the end of it. Their soldiers were drilled according to foreign methods and marched in obedience to officers trained on the European principle, and their Generals manoeuvred their troops in accordance with the teachings of the most advanced military authorities. In all essentials the Chinese army resembled that of a European power.

The Chinese operations in the field in Korea have exhibited quite a lack of the skill which was ascribed to the army of the reconquest of Kashgar. This may, perhaps, be attributed to having underestimated the military power of Japan, and the immense advantage which the command of the sea gave to that country, enabling her to select the most favourable places for the operations of her troops and to out-flank the Chinese.

Now that it has been practically demonstrated that Japan is stronger by far than the Chinese ever gave her enemy credit for, China will undoubtedly put forth all her strength, and strive to bring against the invader of her soil all the available veteran troops who helped her to achieve the reconquest of Turkestan, and attempt to overthrow the military power of Japan, in the same manner she did that of her enemy in Central Asia.

China may have been found unprepared for serious warlike operations, but she has good troops distributed over this Empire, though they are far apart. They may lack the discipline of the Chinese, and be inferior in armament to those of her more skilled adversary, but China has myriads of the raw-material and a greater number of foreign-trained troops than she is generally credited with possessing, and all of them are contented every foot of ground of the Japanese advance, and may yet overcome them when least expected. It must not be forgotten that the winter is approaching, which will delay the onward march of the Japanese, and may compel them to go into winter quarters, entailing enormous expenses daily, and in every way favourable to China, consequently, in all probability, the Japanese will not risk a winter campaign, and every day of delay will be favourable to China, and enable her to bring up and concentrate her troops to oppose invasion.

The descendants of Genghis Khan still possess much of their ancient valour, though it has been dormant for years and given place to peaceful pursuits, but the invasion of their country will arouse all their slumbering military instincts and they may be relied upon to give a good account of themselves in defence of their Emperor and homelands.

The Manchurians made but a poor start against the shells discharged by Count Palika's guns, not having had any previous acquaintance with such missiles as shells and rockets, or any modern ordnance and they were wretchedly armed. These conditions no longer exist, the Chinese now have several batteries of breech-loading artillery attached to their Manchurian forces, distributed over the Empire. Every province has a contingent of foreign-trained troops who have been taught by native instructors who learned their drill from German soldiers. All these will certainly be ordered up to the capital to oppose the invaders.

An informant in the East—Dunbar—has given us a glowing account of the Chinese, who will be absent as far as active co-operation is concerned, north of the Yalu river, and should China eventually gain the ascendancy at sea, the Japanese will have cause to rue ever having taken up arms against China.

The war has only commenced and although China so far has not gained any advantage, the invaders will find that they have undertaken a task which will prove beyond their power to carry to a successful conclusion.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

(COMPILED FROM MANY SOURCES)

THE QUEEN OF AUTUMN.—The Hawaiian Lily. A cowardly dog is always showing his teeth. Don't let people make you believe that you are smart.

If you would discover poverty, try to borrow money.

Where there's a will there's a way, but who'll draw the will?

Free will make mutton of the sheep of American farmers.

Debt is the only thing known that enlarges the more it is contracted.

Birds of a feather would better flock out of reach of the bonnet-maker.

Few people take so much interest in their business as the pawnbroker.

Those big chrysanthemums go a long way toward hiding a well-worn coat.

The ladies tailor has a hard lot. He has to reform so many of his customers.

All the other statesmen and women out of jobs are envying Queen Lillio-lil-lil.

"I have seen better days," said the blind man. "So I hear," remarked the deaf man.

The professional politician never lives long enough to witness his declining years.

Millie appears to be having a great deal of difficulty in raising the D'Eux in Brazil.

Every husband has a mind of his own, but it is sometimes lodged in the head of his wife.

There is always plenty of room at the top, but that is because the stairs are so hard to climb.

An old woman of the world very delicately puts it "Lillio-lil-lil has been a good deal talked about."

When a man gets so that he opens grapes with a nut-cracker at the dinner-table it is time he has changed his tonic.

"Tell you, it's a great thing to be a democrat, nowadays." "I'd like to know why." "So exclusive, you know."

Love is that sort of thing which makes a man's bank account of \$100 seem abundantly large to go to housekeeping on.

Some kinds of philanthropists says *Buck* will never be satisfied until every bald-headed man has a pair of curling tongs.

Maudie—Do you believe that marriages are made in heaven? Marie—I don't know. But I don't intend to wait and see.

George—You would marry the biggest fool in the world, if he asked you, wouldn't you? Ethel—Oh, George, this is so sudden!

When a man is self-made he is generally the first to find it out; but when he makes a fool of himself he is the last one aware of it.

An Oregon paper says in the consequence of the hard times "many dogs are being killed this year which were never killed before."

If those who are searching after a "sure cure for drunkenness" would quit drinking while they are looking for it, they would find it.

De Quincey: "We'll need a ladder to get to the football match, won't we?" Old Sam: "Oh, I guess not. I don't mind drinking out of a bottle."

"But if I should lose all my fortune would you feel just the same toward me?" She—"I don't see how I could think any less of you than I do."

It was the old bachelor who said that he never read the woman's corner in his paper, although he was something of a woman scouter himself.

Muggins—Jones returned the umbrella he borrowed of me. Buggins—Just like Jones. He apes eccentricity just to make himself conspicuous.

No marriage engagement should be more than six months long; the most ardent lover gets tired of living up to his ideal any longer than that.

Mr. Litewrite (having been rejected)—The only thing left for me to do is to drown myself in the flowing bowl. Miss Pert—You couldn't; you'd float.

"Where is Mrs. Sham?" "She has gone to the symphony rehearsal." "Has her husband gone with her?" "No; he is in the wood-shed at a Chopin rehearsal."

Police Magistrate—Have you ever seen the prisoner at the bar witness—Never, your Honor, but I've seen him when I strongly suspected he'd been at it.

Mrs. S. to Applicant—Are you a good cook? The Applicant—Well, ma'am, it's thirty years come Christmas I've bin a faithful member of the church; shore I oughter be good.

An inventive genius in the interest of the liquor trade has devised a solution of bichloride of silver to solve the "fishy" question who lost their by tackling bichloride of gold.

The Sage—In choosing a wife, young man, you must not look for beauty alone. The Youth—Of course not. It is the other kind of a girl that one may expect to find alone.

Cholly (as he is about to leave after his rejection)—Come, Miss Summer, help me on with my overcoat. Since you cannot be my wife, you may at least be assistive to me.

City Missionary—My good woman, did you ever give a cup of cold water to any one? Mrs. Rafferty—Sure an' of hev. On'y yistiddy of threw a whole bucketful on me husband's head.

WISE MEN.

It matters not what "caused it."

Now what it "golfies."

The way to boom up business is

To freely advertise.

Teacher—Who was the first murderer? Son of a Dilettante—Nobody knows.

In Cain and Abel affair Cain had no lawyer to defend him, so the thing went by default, and he was convicted.

Mrs. Smith—Tommy, you're battered to pieces! I'd like to know what excuse you have this time. You've certainly been in a fight! Tommy—Mamma, there was a fight, but I can truthfully say I wasn't in it.

Modern Progress—She—You have been away in the country, haven't you? He—Yes. Visiting some people I used to know when I was a boy. She—Particular friends? He—Oh, no. Father and mother.

Young Bride (putting)—Here we have only been married two days, Clarence, and you're scolding me already. Husband—I know, my dear; but just think how long I have been waiting for the chance.

"There's wan ting," said Mr. Dolan, reflectively, as he glanced at a laundry sign. "That Ol must' raked the Chinese for." "Phwat's that?" asked his companion. "For learnin' to spake their wan language."

The Golden Rule—Mamma—"Harry, didn't I hear you teasing George Jones?" Harry—"Yes, Mamma, I have several times. 'What would have them to try to kill me, 'cause I knew I could lick him in a minute.'"

Biblical—Bess—I hear you are going to marry a lawyer; you lucky girl. Now you'll have everything money can buy. Maud—Why so? Bess—Because, you know, one is always hearing of the law and the profits.

An informant in the East—Dunbar—How are you getting on with that cod liver oil I gave you? Dashiway—I took one dose of it and then got used for damages. Doctor—What do you mean? Dashiway—The bottle hit a passer-by on the head.

"Some people are much more fortunate in their marriages than others," mused Dick. "That's the only reason why I don't consider matrimony a failure." "You are very right," said Mrs. Hicks. "How in the world can you get me, but I—only got you."

Practical Suggestion.—Mrs. Farwell (at the World's Fair)—This is what you put on war vessels, is it? Attendant.—The very same. It's called Harveized steel plate. Mrs. Farwell.—It does look real strong. I believe if you'd make it thinner you might sell a good many yards of it for patchin' boys' clothes.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is prescribed by Physicians all over the world. It is a remarkable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, and wasting diseases, and very palatable. Read the following:—"I have much pleasure in stating that I have tried 'Scott's Emulsion' in a case of impoverished blood, with scrofulous disease, and found it to be a very efficient preparation. It was taken without the least difficulty."—A. TEMPLE PERKINS, 22, Ludlow Park, Stoke Newington, N. Any Chemist can supply it. Sole Agent for Hongkong and the Empire of China:—Chan A Fook, at Watkins & Co., Hongkong.—*Adv.*

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

1st October, 1894.—At 4 p.m.

Station	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Clouds	State of Sky	Direction	Force	Temp.	Humid.	Wind	Clouds	State of Sky	Direction	Force	Temp.	Humid.
Shanghai	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yokohama	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fuuchow	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hankow	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wuchang	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanchow	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkong	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.00	70	SSW	1	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

2nd October, 1894.—At 10 a.m.

Station	Barom. level and alt. in ft.	Thermom. temp.	Humidity.	Wind. Direc- tion.	Force.	Weather.	State of sky.
Hankow	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Nagasaki	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Yokohama	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Fuuchow	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Amoy	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Swatow	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Hankow	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Wuchang	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Wanchow	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Hongkong	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...
Shanghai	30.00	70	...	SSW	1	c	...

